

# PICKNALLS PAGES



### Mrs Tapp's Message

As we reach the end of what has been an incredibly busy half term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on just how much we have packed in and to say how immensely proud I am of our whole Picknalls community.

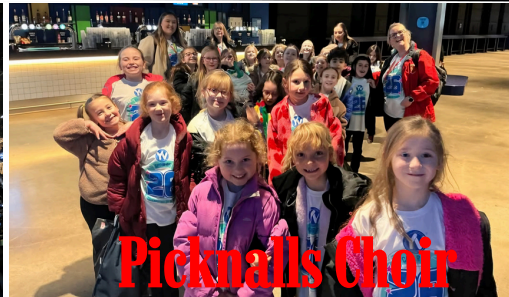
The past few weeks have been filled with exciting events, enriching experiences and wonderful achievements. From trips and themed afternoon teas to sporting events, performances and special visitors, there has been a real buzz around school. Our classrooms have been alive with curiosity, creativity and determination, and it has been a joy to see the children so engaged in their learning. Behind the scenes, there has also been a tremendous amount of hard work. Our children have shown resilience, enthusiasm and a genuine desire to do their very best. They continue to impress us not only with their progress, but with their kindness, teamwork and growing independence. I am equally grateful to our dedicated staff, who work tirelessly to provide such rich opportunities and to support every child to thrive.

All of this the energy, the commitment, the achievements and the smiles makes me so proud to be Picknalls. It is a privilege to be part of such a caring, hardworking and vibrant school community. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We could not do this without you.

With very best wishes,

Headteacher

Picknalls First School



**Picknalls Choir**

What an unforgettable day! what an incredible sound! and what a truly electric atmosphere! Picknalls Choir recently had the honour of performing at **Young Voices Manchester** at the spectacular Co-op Live Arena, and it's safe to say the experience will live in our memories for a very long time.

From the moment we arrived, excitement buzzed through the air. Surrounded by thousands of children from schools across the country, our singers became part of something extraordinary... Young Voices is the largest children's choir concert in the world!

Our choir sang with confidence, joy, and passion, from uplifting anthems to emotional moments that filled the arena with light and unity, every song was performed with pride and enthusiasm.

Sharing the stage with professional musicians and special guests made the experience even more inspiring. Our children saw first-hand what teamwork, dedication, and belief can achieve and they rose to the challenge brilliantly.

But Young Voices is about more than singing. It's about confidence, community, and belonging. It's about children realising that their voices matter and that together, they can create something truly incredible. Watching Picknalls Choir stand tall, sing loud, and support one another was a moment of pure pride for staff, families, and everyone cheering them on.

A huge thank you to Mrs Tapp, staff, parents, and carers for your ongoing support and of course, a massive WELL DONE to our amazing singers. You represented Picknalls with pride, energy, and heart.

## PICKNALLS POINTS

Picknalls Points is a reward system where children earn points for good behaviour, fantastic work, good manners, and positive attitudes. Winners & runners up receive rosettes, letters home to parents, and they are rewarded with a special treat with the headteacher.

Our Picknalls points winners for Autumn term who had hot chocolate with Mrs Tapp

Class	Winner	Runners up
Class 8	Marcie	Jenson & Leo
Class 7	Henry	Brae & Daisy
Class 6	Bella	Sophia & Hazel
Class 5	Toby	Winnie, Nylah & Anna
Class 4	Leo	Finn, Henry & Kaiya
Class 3	Jack	Isabella & Ned
Class 2	Freya	Archie & Eddie
Class 1	Hunter	Gracie & Chloe

## SPORTS UPDATE

Sports achievements in Spring 1

Boccia with ESSP, 2 teams went and the children thoroughly enjoyed it.

Unfortunately the weather let us down for our football tournament at Oldfields. This will be rescheduled for next half term.

Dove valley swimming gala – 24 children attended and demonstrated some great swimming. Picknalls were overall champions and brought the trophy home. 🏆

CADSSA swimming gala – 16 children attended and we won overall girls, overall boys and overall champions. Our trophy cabinet is bursting at the seams! 🏆

Glow dodegball enrichment was also enjoyed by all!

Next half term is going to be exciting. We have 4 gymnastic competitions, dodgeball, boys and girls football to look forward to. Y4 touch rugby sessions will also be taking place.



### ARBOR ATTENDANCE

#### AWARD

Picknalls is proud to inform you that we have won an Arbor attendance award for whole school attendance.

### IPAD UPDATE

The CEO has been to Picknalls and spent a morning observing lessons and she was extremely positive about the impact they are having on teaching & learning.

### NEW PARENT GOVERNOR

We would like you all to join us in welcoming Allie Bryan as our new parent governor, thank you to all those who took the time to vote for her.

The Department for Education's new expectation is that all schools are to be mobile phone free for pupils. This includes smart devices that can message/video or receive notifications. 📵

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

**Attendance**- Holidays- please be honest with us as the Local Authority do check, absence request forms are to be completed for any term time leave. Picknalls does not benefit financially from attendance fines, the LA have access to attendance systems. Please inform the office in advance of appointments or absences via the attendance email

[attendance@pfs.i2e.org.uk](mailto:attendance@pfs.i2e.org.uk)

**Arbor**- we are now sending all communication via the Arbor app or via email for trips, activities, sports, clubs etc, please check your details are correct on Arbor. If you need a reset password please email

[office@pfs.i2e.org.uk](mailto:office@pfs.i2e.org.uk)

**UNIFORM**- We are seeing a decline in uniform standards, makeup is not allowed, keep earrings/studs small and no hoops (must be taped for PE and not to be worn on swimming days), no nail varnish or false nails please.

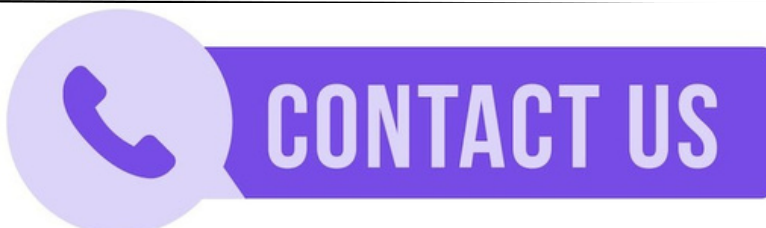
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### Free School Meals

Do you think you are eligible for free school meals?

Follow this link to find out more

<https://picknalls.com/pupil-premium/>



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